

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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21 November 2021

Welcome!

*Whoever you are, you are welcome here at Opoho Church.
Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this vital quest.*



St Alcuin of York, from a manuscript in the Bodleian Library, Oxford

Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank, may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service.

*Please consult the worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Call to Worship *from The New Zealand Prayer Book, p.456*

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
The love at our beginning and without end,
In our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

Hymn WOV 91 Morning has broken

Opening Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

...we are forgiven, we are set free.

Thanks be to God

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
The Peace of Christ be with you all

A ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],

May he guide you always.

Chat Time

Children's Poem *I Have a Friend*, by Susan Sayers

I have a friend who is deeper than the ocean,

I have a friend who is wider than the sky,

I have a friend who always understands me,

Whether I am happy or ready to cry.

Jesus is my friend who is deeper than the ocean,
Jesus is my friend who is wider than the sky,
Jesus is my friend who always understands me,
Whether I am happy or ready to cry.

Please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Bless our gifts, Lord God,
and grant that this offering may be for us
a sign of a greater giving:
the offering of our time and our talents,
our loyalty and our love,
indeed, the offering of our whole life
for the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Bible Readings

Psalm 132:13-18

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

John 18:33-37

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon Alcuin of York

followed by time for reflection

Hymn words Carol Rose Ikeler, tune *The Bard of Armagh* CH4 522

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
Knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
To live and to share out the good news of God.

The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
Where all are forgiven and start once again,
Where all are accepted, whatever their background,
Whatever their past and whatever their pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
To reach out and touch folk wherever they are –
Conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
To challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

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Intercessory Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn words and music Graham Kendrick CH4 448

Lord, the light of your life is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with your Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

Benediction and Dismissal

Sow living seeds,
words that are quick with life,
that faith may be the harvest in human hearts.

In word and example
let your light shine in the black dark
like the morning star.

Do not let the wealth of the world or its dominions
flatter you into silence as to truth.

Let no king, or judge, or even your dearest friend
muzzle you from speaking what is right and good.

From Alcuin's Letter to Ethelhard, Archbishop of Canterbury c.800AD

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the company of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ. Amen.

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*It is good to have you worshipping with us today.
Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.*

Today's service was brought to you by

Door Duty: Michael Ovens and Benjamin Thew **Music:** Guitarists and singers

Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson **Readings:** Jane Bloore

Prayers: Abby Smith **Flowers:** Judy Rodda

Morning Tea (*subject to Covid levels*): Bronwen Strang and Christine Cleugh

Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Hall Cleaning: Meegan Cloughley

Opportunities for ministry week ending 28 November

Door Duty: Hamish Spencer and Abby Smith **Music:** Music Group

Data Projector: Abby Smith **Readings:** Hamish Spencer

Prayers: Mary Somerville **Flowers:** Fiona Stirling

Morning Tea (*subject to Covid levels*): Marian Weaver and Daniel Larsen

Church Cleaning: Fiona Stirling **Hall Cleaning:** Benjamin Thew

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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Philip Somerville, or email him at psomer39@gmail.com

Any changes or additions to events listed in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Diary of Coming Events

Physical gatherings may be subject to Covid alert level restrictions.

28 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind 4 p.m.: Children's Christmas service
4 December ~ Saturday	10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Christmas Craft Fair, Church Hall
5 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Christmas Craft Fair, Church Hall
7 December ~ Tuesday	7-8 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group, venue TBA or via Zoom
8 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 December ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Gregor Macaulay
16 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
19 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Lessons and Carols, the Rev. Clare Lind
24 December ~ Friday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Saturday	10 a.m.: Christmas Day service, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind



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